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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/699,976	DUTTA ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 November 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/03/2003.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

3. Claims 7-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed-invention of the claims 7-12 are directed to the non-statutory subject matter. Claims 7 and 12 recited "A computer readable medium with program instructions for....., comprising the instructions for:....." which is non-statutory as not being tangibly embodied in a storage medium and in a manner so as to be executable by a computer/processor.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102(b)

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ogle et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,313,638). Ogle's patent meets all the limitations for claims 1-12 recited in the claimed invention.

6. As to claim 1, Ogle et al teach a method for performing state based ingress packet selection for a packet processing system in a network processor (see abstract; figures 1-2; column 1 lines 9-11; and column 2 lines 33-58), comprising the steps of: assigning a set of message classes (segments or slots) to a semaphore, the set of message classes is associated with a state of an application (user program); receiving a message; determining if the message belongs to a message class in the set of message classes; and waking the application by the semaphore if the message belongs to the message class in the set of message classes (figures 3A-3B; and column 2 line 50 to column 3 line 40).

7. As to claims 2-4, Ogle et al teach the steps of: blocking the semaphore by the application; signaling the blocked semaphore, if the message belongs to the message class in the set of message classes; and waking the application by the signaled semaphore (figures 6A-6B; column 1 line 43 to column 2 line 12; and column 3 lines 47-59).

8. As to claim 5, Ogle et al teach that processing the message by the awakened application (column 3 lines 56-59).

9. As to claim 6, it is also rejected for the same reasons set forth to rejecting claims 1-5 above, since claim 6 does not teach or define any new limitations than above rejected claims 1-5.

10. As to claims 7-12, they are also rejected for the same reasons set forth to rejecting claims 1-6 above, since claims 7-12 is merely a computer product for the method of the operations defined in the method claims 1-6 contain similar limitations rejected in the claims 1-6.

Additional References

11. The examiner as of general interest cites the following references.
- a. Hedges et al, U.S. Patent No. 7,143,414.
 - b. Calvignac et al, U.S. Patent No. 7,089,555.
 - c. Gebhart et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,604,150.
 - d. Lipe et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,784,615.

Contact Information

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bharat Barot whose Telephone Number is (571) 272-3979. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM. Most facsimile-transmitted patent application related correspondence is required to be sent to the Central FAX Number (571) 273-8300.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar, can be reached at (571) 272-4006.

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